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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY TO SPEAK AT
MANILA ROTARY

FOR EA AMB MURPHY

1. DR. BERT ROMULO, INCOMING PRESIDENT OF MANILA ROTARY CLUB, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO SEEK YOUR AGREEMENT TO MAKE YOUR FIRST ADDRESS AS AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES AT HIS CLUB. MANILA ROTARY HAS SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS AND MANY OTHER DISTINGUISHED FILIPINOS ON ITS ROSTER. TRADITIONALLY, U.S. AMBASSADORS HAVE MADE THEIR FIRST PUBLIC ADDRESSES AT THE MANILA CLUB. OUR INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY VERIFIES THAT AMBASSADORS NEWSOM, SULLIVAN, AND BYROADE MADE THEIR FIRST POLICY SPEECHES THERE.

2. DR. ROMULO, WHO IS THE SON OF GENERAL CARLOS P. ROMULO, STATED THAT THE CLUB WOULD BE PLEASED WITH ANY TOPIC THAT YOU SUGGESTED, BUT THAT YOU MIGHT CONSIDER COMMENTING ON YOUR APPROACH TO THE CURRENT ISSUES AFFECTING PHILIPPINE/AMERICAN RELATIONS. JOHN MONJO OF STATE PHILIPPINE DESK MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH YOU COPY OF TEXT OF AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S SPEECH TO ROTARY AS EXAMPLE OF HOW OCCASION COULD BE USED. LAST DECEMBER WE FURNISHED BEN FLECK, MONJO'S PREDECESSOR, WITH A COPY. WE ARE POUCHING ANOTHER COPY TO EA/PHL, IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL REACH
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YOU PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE, TO COVER POSSIBILITY THAT MONJO DOES NOT HAVE IT.

3. DR. ROMULO SAID THAT ROTARY WOULD PREFER THAT YOU SPEAK ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY MEETING DATES OF ROTARY: JULY 13, 20, OR 27, BUT THAT A THURSDAY DATE IN JUNE COULD BE ARRANGED IF YOU WANTED AN EARLIER DATE. IT

SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DR. ROMULO'S TERM OF OFFICE
AS ROTARY PRESIDENT DOES NOT START UNTIL JULY.

4. WE CAN AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL FOR RESPONSE TO THIS
INVITATION. TOUSSAINT

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